

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph of column 1, lines 9-14, with the following: 2004 SEP -3 PM 3:03

[Ronguers]Rongeurs are used to excise tissue, degenerated disc materials or bone during surgical procedures. During regular use, tissue, blood, or other fluids collect in the voids between the top and bottom shafts of the instrument. Multiple uses result in a buildup of material. To clean a rongeur thoroughly it must be disassembled.

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